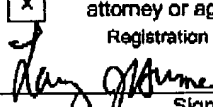


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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;"></th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Fee</th> <th style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Small Entity Fee</th> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$110.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$55.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$420.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$210.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$950.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$475.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$1,480.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$740.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$2,010.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$1,005.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>22-0185</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) <u>44,163</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Date September 24, 2004</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Typed or printed name Larry J. Hume</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Telephone Number (202) 331-7111</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted.</p>					Fee	Small Entity Fee		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110.00	\$55.00	\$ 110.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$420.00	\$210.00	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$950.00	\$475.00	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,480.00	\$740.00	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00	\$
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